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GERMANS GET PEACE TREATY

Military Power of Nation is Broken by Clauses that It Contains.

REPARATION MUST BE MADE

Delegates of Twenty-Seven Nations Present When Rantau is Given Treaty.

On the fourth anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania, May 7, the peace treaty, which will bring a formal end to the great world war, was handed to the German delegates at Versailles.

When the treaty of peace was formally presented to the German delegates to the peace conference, the delegates of twenty-seven nations, which had declared war on the German empire, were present.

Count von Brockdorff-Rantzau, in his reply to Clemenceau's address, admitted some of the wrongs done by Germany, and admitted that the power of Germany had been broken. He also demanded that peace be made on Wilson's fourteen points. In his address he also pledged that Germany would right the wrong done to Belgium.

During the day by cable President Wilson also summoned congress for a special session to be called on May 19.

Among the outstanding features of the peace treaty which Germany is called upon to sign are the following: Territorial—Alsace-Lorraine to be restored to France, Saar basin internationalized temporarily and Danzig permanently, Luxembourg to be set free from German customs union, all concessions of territory in China to be renounced and Shantung ceded to Japan, German troops to evacuate Schleswig-Holstein north of the Kiel canal within ten days after peace.

Military—Germany to be restricted to an army of 100,000 men, including officers; exportation, importation and nearly all production of war material denied Germany; forts within area of 50 kilometers of the Rhine to be demolished; allied occupation until reparations are made and obligations are fulfilled.

Naval—German navy restricted to six battleships, six light cruisers, 12 torpedo boats, no submarines and a naval personnel of not over 15,000. Other warships to be surrendered or destroyed; Germany's fourteen submarine cables to be turned over; Helgoland to be demolished; Kiel canal opened to all, and no German forts to be constructed on the Baltic.

Reparations—Germany must reimburse for all civilian damages and make initial payment of 20,000,000,000 marks; damage to shipping must be reimbursed, ton for ton by cessions of merchant ships and steamers; Germany must devote her economic resources to the rebuilding of devastated regions; Germany must take on all pre-war obligations; Allied and association nationals to be permitted freedom of transit in Germany; ex-kaiser to be tried for crimes, as well as other German nationals; with Holland to turn over the former and Germany the latter; all treaties with Bolshevik Russia and treaty of Bucharest to be abrogated; German prisoners of war to be repatriated, but Allies to hold officers as hostages for Germans accused of crimes; Germany to accept principle of League of Nations, but not given membership.

GERMAN CANNON
County Showing Greatest Percentage on Loan to Get Trophy.

T. Arnold Robinson, chairman of the Victory Loan committee of Gratiot county, received a telegram from F. R. Fenton, sales director for Michigan, yesterday, stating that the county showing the greatest percentage of bond sales on the Victory Loan in regard to population, would receive a captured German cannon.

Following receipt of this telegram the workers of the county were urged to get busy and solicit subscriptions from everyone in order that the county might be able to be in the race for this trophy.

CLEAN, SAFE, AND SANE
Clean food, properly cooked at a reasonable price is what makes the European Cafe popular.—77-tf-c.

Saturday is the last day to make 10% payment on Victory Bonds.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS OF
GRATIOT COUNTY

That slackers on the Victory Loan may be known and others deterred from selfish refusal to subscribe to the Victory Loan Bonds, the following names are published:

C. P. Kolchak
Charles Z. Omsk
H. G. L. von Stengel

There is no desire to publish the names of those not purchasing bonds, but those who have means must be convinced that it is their duty.

GRANGE TO MEET

Pomona Grange Program for Saturday Meeting Has Been Arranged.

Gratiot County Pomona Grange will meet Saturday, May 10, with the Pleasant Valley Grange for an all-day meeting, which promises to be of more than usual interest in view of the fine program which has been arranged. One of the chief features of the meeting will be the address to be given by C. F. Kiefer, deputy state master.

Attention is being called to the fact that visitors as Grange members are cordially invited to attend this meeting of the Grange.

The program for the meeting follows: 10:00 a. m.—Reports from subordinate Granges and business session. 12:30 p. m.—Pot-luck dinner.

1:30 p. m.—Program by Pleasant Valley Grange assisted by students of Mt. Pleasant Normal.

Paper—Mrs. Luther Carter. Address—C. F. Kiefer, deputy state master.

In the evening the fifth degree will be conferred. As many candidates as possible are wanted for this degree as the state degree team is to be in Ithaca in the near future to confer the sixth degree.

GOT THE MONEY AND LEFT TOWN

It is Understood that Numerous Checks Were Passed on Business Men.

Raffles, Jack Daw, and all those other masterful confidence men of fiction, did not have much on a certain Charles Darrah, if all reports are true, and might even be able to learn a few tricks of the trade from this former Almatite, who is now seeking a "warmer climate."

The smooth, clever Mr. Darrah, well known about the city, had charge of the concessions at the Gratiot club, and also received a certain amount for keeping the club rooms neat, clean and attractive; these money gathering corners having been secured by him at the time of the opening of the club a few months ago. He had been in Alma for about a year previous, mixed well and made a good fellow of himself, generally getting in right so to speak.

Then recently he decided evidently that things were running too smoothly in Alma, and feeling that the city needed a little stirring up, it is said that Mr. Darrah proceeded to stir them up in good style. It is said that the method used to create excitement was to issue checks, calling for certain amounts, usually in the neighborhood of twenty dollars, and then getting them cashed around the business district.

Not having been seen around Alma of late, it is understood that Mr. Darrah left on a hurried business call for other parts of the globe, neglecting in his hurry to even leave word as to when he expected to return.

The business institutions which cashed the checks are said to still have them, as the account credited to Mr. Darrah at the bank was in such shape, that the bank officials did not care to cash them.

It has been said that several business places had extended considerable credit to Mr. Darrah, and in his hurry to leave the city, he even forgot to pay these bills.

So far as known no action has been taken against Darrah by any of the business men, but it is understood that a warrant will be asked for by at least one of the business men of the city, who feels that it is time that the business men of Alma cease to be good prey for those who have no intention of making good on checks which they write.

It is not known definitely how many business men received Darrah's blue checks, but it is estimated that he took from two to four hundred dollars out of the city with him, that the business places could have used to their better advantage.

GONGWER IN U. S.

Alma's Lone Candidate for D. S. C. is Again in This Country.

Sergeant Guy S. Gongwer, the only son of Mr. and Mrs. John Gongwer of this city, one of the men of the famous Michigan 32nd, arrived in New York Saturday, and before the week is over will be at Camp Custer waiting to be discharged from the service.

This particular Alma man is one of the many from here who made good in the service with a vengeance. He was in France soon after the United States entered the war, was with the division in all of the big battles in which it took part, breking the German line every time it went against it.

He was not only a member of the famous division, but one of those men who did more than was necessary, and is one of the ninety-four men of the entire division, whom have been recommended for the distinguished service cross. The honor has not been granted to him as yet, but there is every reason to believe that it will be. He has the distinction of being the only Alma man to be recommended for this honor.

ODD FELLOWS MET HERE TUESDAY

Annual Meeting of Gratiot Co. I. O. O. F. Association Held in Alma.

ALMA MAN IS PRESIDENT

Grand Lodge Officers Present and Aid in Conferring Degrees on Candidates.

Tuesday, May 6, saw one of the largest gatherings of the I. O. O. F. lodges in the history of the county at Alma for the Oddfellow Rally Day, as the 100th anniversary of the lodge is known and for the annual meeting of the Gratiot County I. O. O. F. Association.

The Alma lodge was host during the day, and extended its usual welcome to the visiting lodges of the county. Those represented at the all day association meeting and rally were the Vestaburg, Elwell, St. Louis, Ithaca, North Star, Ashley, Bannister, Sumner, Pompeii, Perrinton, Middleton, New Haven, Breckenridge and Wheeler lodges.

In addition to the rally and association programs the lodges were favored by the annual visit of the grand lodge officers, Grand Master Harland and Grand Secretary Rogers being present at the three sessions which were held, and in the evening they aided in conferring of the Grand Lodge and Past Grand Degrees.

The day's events were started with the address of welcome by Rev. Duffey, with the response by Newton Burns of St. Louis. A business session followed.

In the afternoon addresses were given by Grand Secretary Rogers and Grand Master Harland, which held the close attention of the many lodge members of the county and others who were present.

The complete program for the entire day was as follows:

10:00 a. m. I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs

Opening song, "America"

Invocation, Rev. J. W. Priest

Address of Welcome, Rev. Duffey

Response, Newton Burns

Roll call of lodges

Business session

2:00 p. m. I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs

Music, Miller's Orchestra

Address, Grand Secretary Rogers

Piano Solo, Mrs. Miller

Address, Grand Master Harland

Music, Miller's Orchestra

8:00 p. m. I. O. O. F.

Opening

Conferring of Grand Lodge and Past Grand Degrees.

Reading of the Secret Journal

Question Box and Discussion

Closing

8:00 p. m. Rebekahs

The members of the Rebekah lodges present carried out their complete program at this meeting of the association.

When the election of officers for the Gratiot County I. O. O. F. association was held George H. Smith of this city was elected president of the association, Newton Burns of St. Louis was elected as vice president, Mrs. N. E. Saad of Alma as secretary and B. F. Lane of St. Louis as treasurer.

CLEAN UP

Clean Up, Paint Up and Flower Up is Slogan of Club for Campaign.

This coming week the Civic committee of the Republic Circle club will hold its first annual clean up, paint up and flower up week, during which time the residents of this city are urged to remove the refuse of the winter, and to clean up their places, and aid in making Alma one of the attractive places of the state.

Many places around the city have been cleaned up thoroughly since winter, but many have not done so, while others have some of the accumulation of the winter months still around the yard, where it is detracting considerably from the otherwise pleasant surroundings.

Flowers and shrubs planted in the right places will do a great deal in making home spots beautiful and attractive. The cost in comparison to the pleasure derived is small.

A little every day on the part of everyone will do wonders in making Alma a place of beauty, and the Civic committee of the club urges that everyone join in the move for a better Alma.

SUMMER SCHOOL

It is understood that the annual summer Bible school at Alma college this year will be held from Wednesday, July 9, to Wednesday, July 16. The program for the summer school is not yet ready for announcement, but it is certain that it will be much better than ever before. It is expected that the program will be completed and ready for announcement within the next two or three weeks.

Saturday is the last day to make 10% payment on Victory Bonds.

Best candies. DeLux—77-tf-c

PLACED WELL

Alma Contestants in Declaration and Oratory Placed Up Well.

Miss Augusta Arnold received second place in declaration at the district declaration contest and Donald Dunham, third place in the oratorical contest, both of which were held at Albion Friday evening.

Miss Arnold, with her declaration, "Toussaint L'Ouverture," was defeated for the first honors by the representative of Charlotte high school. She received second place when the declaration contestants from Dundee and Morenci were ruled out, their declarations being exclamatory, rather than declamatory.

In the oratorical contest Morenci won first honors, Albion high second and Alma high third. Donald Dunham, with the oration, "The Impending Conflict," was the orator for the local high school.

LAWRENCE MONTIGEL WRITES FROM FRANCE

Interesting Letter from Alma Boy Still in France Tells of His Experiences.

The following letter from Lawrence Montigel of this city, who is with the American troops in France, will prove of great interest to readers of The Alma Record:

The Salvation Army with the American Troops in France.

Embarkation Camp No. 2, Bordeaux, France, April 10, 1919

Dear Folks:

Taking this opportunity to write you a few lines. Everything is coming along fine in the way of preparation for embarking. We left Vincennes, or Montpont on April 2nd, a Wednesday, and proceeded by train to Beau Desert, a place outside of Bordeaux, a distance of about four miles. There we stayed in Unit No. 12 until Monday morning, April 7th. During our stay there we took hikes through camp, played baseball, quots, or read books. Weather conditions were quite good, though we had plenty of rain. I managed to get into the kitchen as a kitchen policeman on Sunday. Well, I certainly had my fill of good things to eat and I also stocked up with supplies. We were a joyful bunch when we learned we were to leave for the docks of Genicart, the delousing camp. Many of the boys prepared themselves for departure by making up their packs, etc. I spent some time in that way myself, but I didn't make up my pack until morning on Monday.

I was up at 5 o'clock A. M. washed, made my pack and then carried my mattress and two blankets back to the supply house. Well, you should have seen my pack. It had attached, gas-mask, helmet, a pair of hip-boots, a leather slip-on coat, mackinaw and other things. It was a good thing I didn't have to carry it myself or I would have lushed. The packs were carried by trucks, while we marched with light packs. I had my musket bag, raincoat and a book.

We left Beau Desert at about 9 o'clock A. M. along with Base Hospital Unit No. 84 and Base Hospital Unit No. 32, the latter consisting of about four men and one lieutenant. The distance we traveled was about eleven miles and during the trip we passed through Bordeaux and across the heavy trafficked bridge. We held up a little traffic but got away pretty good. Just before going up the steep hill we ate our lunch of cold canned beans and dry bread. We then proceeded and came into Genicart Camp No. 1 at about 1 P. M.

We were put into barracks No. 207 and 213. The figure 13 seems to be with us yet we noticed. Well dirty barracks were ours, and I never have seen their beat. I never was so blue as when I saw them. We were supposed to be ready for embarking, but those lousy places made me think differently. During the afternoon we heard countless stories regarding our departure. It looked as if never. Then came a hurried order to be ready at 7 A. M. to proceed to Camp Number 2, the place of the delouser. That night I slept in my blankets and had a fairly good sleep. Was up at daybreak, made my pack and then helped police the barracks as much as we could. We left a half hour later but it caused no confusion. Everyone had to carry his pack, so we unloaded again as much of the stuff as we thought was not necessary to carry. Here I gave away my boots and left the book I was reading.

Everyone lined up alphabetically and started off. We arrived about 8:30 A. M. and entered a large warehouse or shed with a dirt floor. Here we unslung packs and waited our turn to pass through "The Mill" or delouser. The first name is the correct one for it is a milling we underwent. We removed our dog tags and carried them in our hand. Passed through a gate where we were registered, given a clothing slip and our tags examined. We then moved over to the inspectors, consisting of two fellows, one who examined your pack, the other, taking your clothing slip, I never thought I had as much junk until I began to unload. It filled a barracks bag and a small Red Cross bag. We then passed through a court.

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ATTENDANCE AT MEETING SMALL

Very Few Were Present at Mass Meeting Held at School House Tuesday.

GOOD ROADS ARE URGED

Alma Grain & Lumber Company Matter is to be Dropped Because of Lack of Interest.

The public mass meeting held at the high school Tuesday evening for the purpose of bringing to a close the Alma Grain & Lumber company proposition, and to take some definite steps towards the improvement of the roads west of Alma, proved to be a very slim affair, notwithstanding the fact that both matters were of vital importance.

It had been expected that many business men would be out at the meeting, as both propositions were important to them, in making Alma a better market center. In spite of this not a merchant or professional man was present, a fact which does not speak very highly for the enterprising city which Alma claims to be. Several farmers from near the city were present, and in spite of the small attendance, a very interesting meeting was held.

The proposition to take over the Alma Grain & Lumber company, which has been under the supervision of Henry H. Soule, has been practically dropped by the Board of Trade, as a result of the lack of encouragement in this matter. The Board of Trade will probably surrender the option on the property to the Alma Grain & Lumber company as the plan outlined by the company does not appear to meet with approval. As no other feasible plan has been proposed, it is believed that it is now a thing of the past.

The good roads matter was taken up, after the other matter had gone by the boards. W. M. Bryant, field secretary of the Michigan Good Roads association, was called upon for a short address. It was the sense of the meeting that the only relief for Gratiot county, and the only method by which federal aid could be secured, was to go before the supervisors of the county and ask for a special election, so that the county road system may be adopted.

C. F. Brown, chairman of the meeting, by motion, was instructed to appoint a committee of three to confer with other places in the county, and arrange for a big county mass meeting to be held in Ithaca in the near future, at which time representatives of the road commission and the good roads association will be present to put the matter before the people.

WANTED MORE

Alma Yank Knocked Out Twice Came Back for More of It.

The following story from the May 5, 1919, issue of The Grand Rapids Herald, regarding the desire to fight that one Alma Yank had developed, will prove of interest here:

The desire to fight was highly developed in H. B. Grant of Alma, Mich., wounded while serving as gunner with the 5th battery, Canadian Field Artillery, and a Sunday visitor at the Union station Red Cross canteen.

When the war broke out Grant was patrolling the border with United States cavalry. That was in 1914. He promptly enlisted in the Royal Flying corps in Canada. In this service he distinguished himself by "crashing" his plane on his first solo flight and was rewarded with a discharge after surgeons had patched him up during a six months' stay in hospital.

Undeterred, he enlisted immediately in the Canadian Field Artillery. He fought in the first, second and third battles of the Ypres, Mons, Arras, Vimy Ridge and other encounters, historic in the long years of war.

At Passchendaele he was struck by shrapnel in the left shoulder, and machine gun bullets passed through both legs. His left arm is still useless. He was gassed, and his right hand is still seared.

"But when I heard the Americans were coming in—I always wanted to fight with them anyway—I applied and signed a raft of papers and things in the hospital. But that was the last I heard of it. Funny how they will hold a man up, ain't it?"

Workers at the canteen believed he was one of the brightest young men who have visited there. But they did think too, that the American Expeditionary forces had done right in leaving him in the hospital.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS

The discussion of the League of Nations, planned by the Presbyterian Brotherhood and originally set for last Friday, is now scheduled to be held on Tuesday evening, May 13, at 8:00 o'clock in the Presbyterian church. William A. Bahke and Fr. P. A. O'Toole are to speak. Everyone is invited to be present and hear the discussion.

CLEAN UP DAY

Annual College Cleanup Day Was Held Last Friday.

This last Friday was cleanup day at Alma college and now the campus of the Presbyterian institution is rid of all of the accumulations of the winter, and the rains making the grass fresh and green, it is taking on a most attractive look.

Not only was the campus gone over, out where it would show to the passerby, but the wagon loads of tin cans from the picnic parties, were removed from the "jungle," so that in the future those who adjourn there for a few hours pleasure at picnics, will not be forced to find a resting place on the top of a can, or a pile of them.

The German dummies that had excited the anger of the members of the S. A. T. C. only a few months ago, when layonet drill was held, have all disappeared, and the trenches that were dug with hours of labor that raked the backs of the budding soldiers, were filled in.

The last trace and vestige of war has disappeared from Alma college, and with its cleanup, it is again on a peace basis.

Wanigas at Brunner's.—64-tf

FOURTEEN INNINGS TO DEFEAT ITHACA

Rally in Ninth Gave High School Runs Needed to Tie in Long Overtime Battle.

By defeating Ithaca high school 6 to 4 in a fourteen-inning game in Ithaca yesterday, the Alma high school baseball team made almost certain of winning the county title this season.

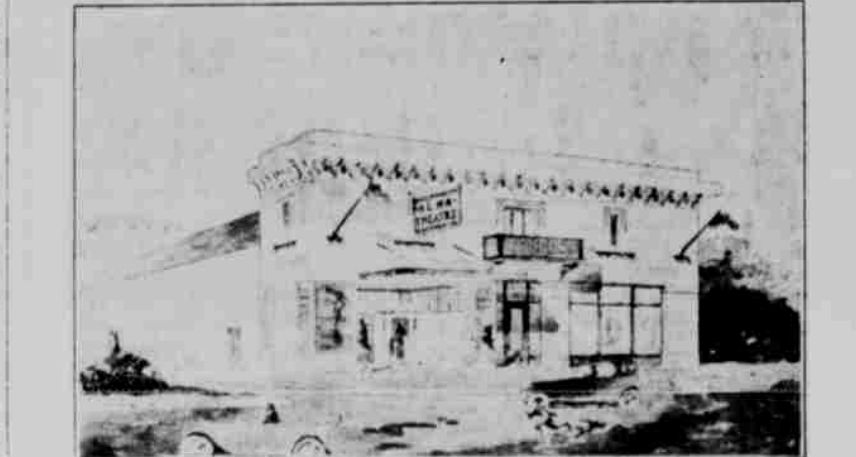
It was only by staging a great come-back stunt in the ninth inning, after being badly apparently defeated, that the green Alma high team was able to take the game into camp. Ithaca having the long end of a 4 to 1 score, when the final frame of the regulation game was started.

Stearns pitched a good game for the local team, but during the first four innings, when Ithaca annexed her four runs, was given poor support. After the Ithacans had apparently sewed up the contest the infield tightened up and played a brilliant game. Stearns had fifteen strikeouts to his credit.

In the eleventh inning, Ithaca filled the bases with men down, but could not come through with a hit for the victory. In the twelfth and the thirteenth.

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Alma to Have A New Theatre



Construction will be started about the middle of the present summer on a new theatre, which is to be constructed on the Montigel property, just to the west of the city hall, which was purchased early in the year by Esselstyn & Murphy, engineers of Detroit, and it is expected that the new theatre will be ready to open about October 1.

The new theatre is to be 53 feet in width and 132 feet in length, and will seat 800 people. It will be of modern construction to the last detail, and is to have the beautiful stucco finish, which will make the structure one of the most attractive in the city.

It will be equipped with every modern appliance that is needed to make an up-to-date, modern theatre, including a fully equipped stage, large enough for the proper presentation of high-class stage attractions, which will be brought to this city from time to time.

The theatre is to be heated by warm air, which will be forced into the building by blowers, which will send the pure outside air into the theatre over steam coils, which will heat it to the required temperature. The same method will be used during the summer months to cool and properly ventilate the show house.

The basement of the theatre is to be used for the heating plant, coal rooms, and that portion directly under the stage will be used for the dressing rooms.

The new theatre, which will be owned by Esselstyn & Murphy of Detroit, will be under the management of C. A. Miller, whose capabilities in this work are most favorably known to the public.

In an interview this morning Mr. Miller stated that the policy of the new theatre had not been definitely decided upon as yet, but that it was very probable that there would be a

VICTORY LOAN ENDS SATURDAY

Gratiot County is Still \$200,000 Short of the Quota Which Was Assigned.

GREATER EFFORTS ARE URGED

Expected that Alma Quota Will Be Doubled When Campaign is Brought to a Close.

With two days left of the Victory Loan campaign in Gratiot county, nearly \$200,000 is still needed to put the county over the top with its quota of \$702,150, and the present indications are that unless there is a whirlwind finish to the campaign that the county will fall for the third time in five campaigns, to achieve the goal which has been set.

Active canvassers for the Victory Loan were out under way in Alma this week and a number of subscriptions to the loan are coming in, but not in the numbers which had been hoped for, and it is doubtful if in the closing days, Alma subscribes another \$50,000 to the Victory notes. It is certain, however, that when the campaign comes to an end Saturday night, that Alma will have more than doubled her quota.

Other portions of the county are also showing a renewed, or else an increased activity in the final days of the campaign and it is certain that some splendid results are coming from those sections of the county.

Some parts of the county are falling far below their quotas, these being for the greater part townships, which have no community centers of any size, and it is now being regarded as very improbable that they will reach their quotas. The county committee is urging that the most active solicitation be waged in every section of the county, however, during Friday and Saturday, in the effort to boost the amount subscribed in every town and city, in order that the county may reach the desired goal.

The aeroplanes, which were to have been in the county during the final days of the loan, have been held up, bad weather keeping them from starting out on their scheduled route last week, so that they will not be in Gratiot this week to aid in the campaign. It is expected, that an aeroplane or two will be in (Continued on page eight)